

## **Transcript**

### **Northern Hills Training Center Cleans Recreation Sites**

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**Event: Black Hills National Forest Partners with Northern Hills Training Center to Clean Recreation Sites**

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#### **Bonnie Jones, Recreation Specialist Black Hills National Forest**

This is a great partnership between the Forest Service and the Northern Hills Training Center. It gives them the opportunity to come out, get out in the woods and have a job that's meaningful and productive and it also is really beneficial to us, the Forest Service because then we can have somebody out cleaning our sites up for us, keeping the forest clean and the outhouses nice so when the visitors come out they have a nice place to go. We were trying to get some assistance on the Northern Hills district to help cleaning our facilities so that we, we've got several seasonals that work for us too, so we thought that it would be good if we had some people that were helping clean the facilities, and then the seasonals could go out and they could be freed up to do some other things that need to be done out in the forest.

#### **Nicole Hagen, Job Coach, Northern Hills Training Center**

We do three sites. We do here at Big Hill, we do Long Valley and Mt. Roosevelt, and then we also have been picking up trash in between on the road. Each day we just pick a little stretch of the road and we pick up trash. They are really good about working together. We have run into other people who've been enjoying the outdoors, and it's really good to see them come up and thank my guys for picking up the trash and they just light up whenever anybody comes and appreciates what they do and that is so rewarding.

#### **Larry Eixenberger, Northern Hills Training Center**

So I like uhm, like out here in the open 'cause it's kind of fun

#### **Randy Geist, Northern Hills Training Center**

We wipe down the outside of them and then we go ahead and try to wipe the inside of them out

#### **Nicole Hagen**

Well I absolutely love coming up here, out in the hills. You just leave in the morning and you're gone from town all day and you just have my crew and we just have a lot of fun.

#### **Bonnie Jones**

I have actually really enjoyed working with the clients at our Northern Hills Training Center. The people that come out that help us do our cleaning are fun and they're entertaining and they love being out here and so I am enjoying being able to do that and provide a job for the people that are at the Northern Hills Training Center.